

The Cast

Myrtle Mae Simmons
Veta Louise Simmons
Elwood P. Dowd
Miss Johnson
Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet
Ruth Kelly, R. N.
Duane Wilson
Lyman Sanderson, M. D.
William R. Chumley, M. D.
Betty Chumley
Judge Omar Gaffney
E.J. Lofgren

Ann Beaty
Vivian Scholle
Michael Duffy
Kathleen Williams
Sylvia Pickell
Heather Turner
Michael Williams
Gabe Anderson
Eric Reisenauer
Roseanne Simmons
Tom Soltau
Braden Bunch

Scene Synopsis

The action of the play takes place in a city in the Far West in the library of the old Dowd family mansion and the reception room of the Chumley's Rest.

Time: Spring, 1944

Scene 1: The Library, late afternoon Scene 2: Chumley's Rest, an hour later

Scene 1: The Library, an hour later Scene 2: Chumley's Rest, four hours later

Act ///
Chumley's Rest, a few minutes later

There will be a 15 minute intermission between Acts I and II.

Production StaffEric Bultman Director Set Design and ConstructionPatrick Faulds Stage ManagerCarmela Bryan Set Decoration and PropertiesSylvia Pickell and Carmela Bryan Costume ConstructionShannon Flaherty, Sylvia Pickell Set CrewBraden Bunch, Chris Edge, Scott Kyger, Ben StanleyHeidi Adler Portrait Artist Poster IllustrationSarah Jones Box OfficeJunior Welfare League and VolunteersSLT Theatre School Students Ushers

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Cast Notes

Ann Beaty (Myrtle Mae) Ann has helped out with many productions in various capacities. This is her third appearance on stage. Her first two appearances were in The Crucible and Past Angry.

Vivian Scholle (Veta) Vivian has an MFA in Acting from The University of Georgia and four years additional theatrical training at Louisiana State University. She has spent most of her career teaching theatre at the university level. Some of her favorite roles include Vera in Ten Little Indians, Millie in The Browning Version and Barbara in SLT's production of Social Security.

Michael Duffy (Elwood) Michael has appeared on stage at SLT in productions spanning over 15 years. SLT regulars may recall his performances in shows such as Of Mice and Men, Moon Over Buffalo and The Nerd. In all these years, he says he's never worked with a more cooperative rabbit than Harvey. He has also worked backstage on countless productions and has served as SLT's Technical Director. Duffy is the Library/Media Specialist at Shaw Heights Elementary School.

Kathleen Williams (Miss Johnson) This is Kathleen's first SLT appearance. She is trying to follow in the footsteps of her children.

Sylvia Pickell (Mrs. Chauvenet) Sylvia has worked with SLT props and costumes for several years. She prefers back stage action but was persuaded by Harvey to make an appearance as Mrs. Chauvenet. She was also a cast member of The Octette Bridge Club.

Heather Turner (Rath Kelly, R.N.) Heather's first performance on the SLT stage was in 1980. She played a towns child in Pecos Bill. Since then she has been in numerous plays. Some of her roles include Rachel from Reckless, Philomela from The Love of the Nightingale and Mary from On the Verge; the Geography of Learning. Some of her musicals include Godspell, Guys and Dolls, and West Side Story. Heather has a B.A. in Theatre and Spanish. She teaches at Sumter High School.

Michael D. Williams (Duane Wilson) Michael attended SLT's adult acting class prior to performing in the Florence Little Theatre's production of Li'l Abner as Romeo Scragg. He appeared in SLT's production of Of Mice and Men as Carlson. Michael wants to thank his wife Robin and his kids Chris and Courtney for supporting him in his "madness."

Gabe Anderson (Lyman Sanderson, M.D.) Gabe is a 20 year-old student at Central Carolina Technical College. He has spent the last two years at the University of South Carolina in Columbia majoring in Chemical Engineering. He plans to attend North Carolina State University next fall and obtain his degree. This is his first SLT production since 1994. Gabe was an SLT drama student and has appeared in three youth productions.

Eric Reisenauer (William R. Chamley, M.D.) Eric is Assistant Professor of History at USC Sumter. Harvey is his third full-length production at Sumter Little Theatre. He previously appeared as Danforth in The Crucible and Mike Tallman in this season's production of Wait Until Dark. Apart from these, Eric also performed in SLT's presentation of the one-act play Past Angry and the staged reading of Art. Dr. Reisenauer is currently serving as President of the SLT Board of Trustees but would like to think it is his acting ability, and not the tremendous power he wields in his position, that resulted in his being cast in Harvey.

Roseanne Simmons (Betty Chambey) This is Roseanne's second time appearing on the SLT stage. She played Mary in the Octette Bridge Club. She is happy to be back playing Dr. Chumley's "talkative little wife" Betty. She works with preschoolers at Millwood Elementary and says that most of her theatre experience comes from her antics in the classroom where her audience is always willing and receptive.

Tom Soltau (Judge Omar Gaffney) Tom has worked with lights and sound on numerous SLT productions. He enjoys working on the technical aspects of theatre. This is his first time on the other side of the lights and he has really enjoyed the change of pace.

Braden Bunch (*E.J. Lofgren*) Braden is making his third, albeit brief, appearance on the SLT stage, having previously appeared as Candy in *Of Mice and Men* and The Reverend Parris in *The Crucible*. Bunch is a reporter for The Item, and can be heard every weekday on several Miller Communications radio stations with The Item Headline News.

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